

William S. Hutchings College & Career Academy 2024-2025 Dress Code

The policy of William S. Hutchings College & Career Academy (WSHCCA) is that good grooming and personal appearance are essential elements in the professional world. Dress and personal appearance will not be disruptive or interfere with the legitimate interest and welfare of the students. **Students will adhere to the Bibb County School District Unified Dress Code and WSHCCA Dress Code Policies.**

Below please find general dress code guidelines:

- All clothing must be appropriately sized (not sagging) and worn with the appropriate undergarments, which cannot be seen through the garment.
- All clothing must cover the body, with no openings, slits or holes that expose skin or undergarments, cleavage, the mid-section, bare back, or other parts of the torso.
- Clothing that is too short or too tight is not allowed. (Shorts and skirts should be fingertip length or longer.)
- Backpacks must be clear or mesh.

Non-permitted items:

- Bib overalls/jumpsuits
- Sunglasses
- Non-jewelry items (ex: dog-collar type chains, belt-chains)
- Any clothing, attire or personal belongings associated with gang activity or behavior. Clothing, attire, or personal belongings that are associated with a gang may be established by evidence of a common name or common identifying signs, symbols, insignias, tattoos, graffiti, or other distinguishing characteristics.
- Any article of clothing, which advertises alcohol, drugs, sex or which contains inflammatory, vulgar, lewd, or suggestive writing, pictures, emblems or promotion of aggression or violence. Any clothing which advertises or advocates the use of a product is prohibited on school premises. Any clothing which disrupts the learning process is prohibited on school premises.
- Hats, caps, hoods, scarves, bandannas, “do rags,” combs, picks, roach clips and curlers are not allowed. Possession of metal picks is prohibited on school property.
- Any accessory, object or ornament that is distracting or capable of being used as a weapon or in the use of drugs or alcohol is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, artificial nails, jewelry, etc. Schools reserve the right to ban any clothing items/accessories which may present a danger or distraction to the school community.
- Removable, Ornamental Tooth Caps/Grills
- Big shirts, jerseys, or other oversized shirts ***NOTE:** (*School athletes can wear school jerseys and uniforms on occasions as addressed in school handbook*)
Appropriate length shorts and pants must be worn underneath athletic skirts (*tennis,*

cheerleading etc.) Schools have a specified dress code for athletes on game days.

Any student found to have violated the dress code will be provided with the opportunity to correct the violation. If the student is unable to correct the violation, a parent will be notified to either bring the student a change of clothes or check the student out of school. The student's home school will be notified, so that the offense can be recorded.

If a student is caught violating the dress code policy, the following procedure will be implemented:

- **1st Offense** - Teacher will enter IC documentation and issue verbal warning. Contact parent regarding violation. Student may be removed from class if dress code disrupts instruction. Contact front office to notify if student is sent to office for violation (who and why).
- **2nd Offense** - Teacher will enter IC documentation and issue written warning. Contact parent regarding violation. Student may be removed from class if dress code disrupts instruction. Contact front office to notify if student is sent to office for violation (who and why).
- **3rd Offense** - Student will be sent to the office and parent will be called and notified of violation and requested to bring a change of clothes/ When violation is corrected, student will be allowed to report to class/ If student is unable to correct violation, they will be given alternative clothing (i.e. surgical gown, t- shirt) and report to class receiving an unexcused absence for that day. Teacher/Student/Parent/Home & WSHCCA Principal Conference. Student Behavior Contract will be issued.
- **4th Offense** - Student recommended for withdrawal from WSHCCA.